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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington D C 20505

August 12, 1988

The Honorable Strom Thurmond United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your very thoughtful note. I was deeply touched and honored that you would be on hand for the unveiling of my portrait at the FBI Building. I have such great respect for the many contributions you have made to our country and such gratitude for the support and kindness that you have extended to me during the past ten years.

With warmest regards to you and all your lovely family,

Sincerely,

William H. Webster

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Remarks at FBI Portrait Ceremony

by

William H. Webster

Director of Central Intelligence

FBI Headquarters

Washington, D.C.

July 20, 1988

Dr. Evans, distinguished members of Congress who were so helpful to me in the years I was here, all my friends and colleagues, both from St. Louis and here in Washington:

You know, it's an ominous thing to see one's name under the heading "Wanted by the FBI." It's even more awesome to think of yourself as "Hung by the FBI". Better that it is behind me now as I talk to you.

Ed and Bill and Louie, you have been overly generous in your remarks about me, and I hasten to say that it's not at all hard to do a job in an organization where leadership and ability and willingness are so everywhere present. All I had to do is understand a good idea when I heard one and give a little encouragement to see that it would be carried out.

A portrait may be, in a sense, a record of a point in time -- a time frame. And these really were momentous, exciting years. We were able to

events, such as the shooting of a President. But equally important, I think, we were able to focus our efforts -- focus them on organized crime, on white-collar crime and corruption, on foreign counterintelligence, on drugs and terrorism -- real problems in law enforcement. Twenty-one thousand women and men of the FBI made a difference in America, just as they did in earlier years. And I know they will do so again with today's leadership.

I remember when I was sworn in just over ten years ago that President

Carter remarked that he knew of no organization in government that had more to
do with how the American people felt about their government. When the FBI did
well, they felt good about their country. When President Reagan came into
office, he continued the tradition of professionalism in the FBI and kept us
out of politics with the help of Ed Meese, who later became Attorney General.

Ed, I want to thank you for all the cooperation that you've given me. Through
the years there has never been a moment when you have not wanted to see done
for law enforcement what needed to be done, and you have helped to keep us as

a hallmark of professionalism. I hope that this will be remembered as a period in which federal, state, and local law enforcement worked together to give reality to the words that are inscribed in our courtyard outside: "The most effective weapon against crime is cooperation. . . the efforts of all law enforcement agencies with the support and understanding of the American people." We worked hard at that and I think we made significant steps forward. We did this in the area of counterintelligence, as the FBI moved with the CIA to break down some of the differences and build bridges -- and I know of no time in our history when we have worked better together, these two Agencies.

But I shall also remember this as a time of fellowship with brave and dedicated men and women, undaunted by attacks, and we had them, undeterred by tragedy, and we had that also -- it goes with the territory. Giving each other support and encouragement, caring about each other, confident in the worth of this vital nation to uphold the law. The greatest blessing of my professional life has been the privilege of working in harness with men and

women of ability and integrity -- first in the Navy, then the Bar, on the bench, in the FBI, and now at CIA. If the artist Frank Szasz has portrayed a sense of pride in this picture, I freely confess it. Pride in the FBI and its history, and pride in the special people I was privileged to lead for so many years.

Thank you.

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LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 26, 1988

Judge William Webster Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

It was a great pleasure for me and several of my interns to attend the unveiling of your portrait at the FBI building on July 20, 1988.

This was indeed a fine occasion, and I am very pleased that you have been honored by having your portrait placed in this building.

It was good seeing you, and I hope that you are doing nicely.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Strom Thurmond

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

William M. Baker

Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT:

Arrangements for the Portrait Dedication Ceremony

- 1. You are scheduled to be at your portrait dedication ceremony followed by a reception on Wednesday, 20 July (2:00 3:00 p.m.) at the J. Edgar Hoover Building. I will remain with you throughout the event. Contact phone number: 324-2080 or 5348.
- 2. You are asked to be at the second basement arrival platform of the FBI Headquarters building at 1:45 p.m. where you will be met by Director of the FBI William S. Sessions who will escort you to the holding room #1236. Here you will meet with the rest of the dais party which will include Attorney General Edwin Meese and Dr. Louis H. Evans, Jr. and receive an updated briefing on the ceremony. At 1:59 p.m. the dais participants will walk to the stage in the East Wing and take designated seats. Facing the audience you will be seated to the left of the podium and Attorney General Meese will be on your left. On your right will be Director Sessions and next to him Dr. Evans. At 2:00 p.m. Director Sessions will give welcoming remarks and introduce Dr. Evans who will give the invocation. Following the invocation, Director Sessions will introduce dais guests. Attorney General Meese will then give remarks and dedicate your portrait by artist Frank Szasz for permanent placement in the FBI Headquarters. The portrait will hang to the right of former FBI Director Clarence Kelley. At the end of the Attorney General's remarks, Director Sessions will introduce you at 2:12 p.m. and you are asked to give approximately 2 minutes of remarks. The ceremony will conclude with the benediction at 2:15 p.m. (See opposite for agenda.)

A podium and microphone will be available and DCI Security will tape your remarks for the Agency's historical files. A US Army string ensemble located at the left side of the stage will play before the opening of the program.

Following the ceremony a reception will be held in your honor in room #1236. At present a receiving line is planned with you, Attorney General Meese, and Judge Sessions. The reception will end at 3:00 p.m.

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Audience: You can expect an audience of approximately 140 FBI and CIA employees, and personnel friends. Members of the organizations that commissioned your portrait -- St. Louis Bar Foundation and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis -- will also attend. (See list of attendees opposite.)

Media: Both the electronic and print the media are invited to cover the ceremony. Since neither a press interview nor question and answer period is planned, this will primarily be a photo opportunity. The press will be located to the left in the back of the room

William M. Baker

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Portrait Dedication Ceremony

For

Judge William H. Webster

Date:

July 20, 1988

Time:

2 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Location: JEH Building

Dais:

Attorney General, William H. Webster, William S. Sessions, and Dr. Louis H. Evans, Jr.

	<u>Timeline</u>
1:50 p.m.	Dais participants assemble in Room 1236.
1:59 p.m.	Dais participants walk to stage and take designated seats.
2:00 p.m.	Director Sessions welcomes everyone to the ceremony and introduces Dr. Evans who delivers invocation.
2:01 p.m.	Invocation, Dr. Evans.
2:03 p.m.	Director Sessions introduces dais guests and other appropriate remarks.
2:07 p.m.	Director Sessions introduces Attorney General Meese.
2:07 p.m.	Attorney General makes remarks.
2:12 p.m.	Director Sessions introduces William H. Webster.
2:12 p.m.	William H. Webster expresses "Thank You."
2:14 p.m.	Director Sessions asks everyone to stand and join him in applause. Asks for Dr. Evans' Benediction.
2:14 p.m.	Benediction, Dr. Evans.
2:15 - 3 p.m.	Director Sessions invites attendees to Reception, Room 1236.

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JUDGE:

You will be attending your portrait dedication ceremony at FBI Headquarters on 20 July at 2:00 p.m. About 150 FBI and Agency officers are expected to attend. Attorney General Meese will give the keynote remarks, and Director Sessions will introduce you.

Because the brief (2 to 5 minute) remarks you will make are clearly of a personal nature, I have prepared talking points rather than a text. I have also provided background information on your accomplishments at the FBI which you may want to draw from.

Your proposed remarks and the background information are attached.

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PROPOSED TALKING POINTS

FOR

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

AT THE UNVEILING OF PORTRAIT

FBI HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

JULY 20, 1988

INTRODUCTION

- ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DIRECTOR SESSIONS' INTRODUCTION
- ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MEESE'S REMARKS
 - -- FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS ELECTED.

 BEFORE HE HAD EVEN COME TO OFFICE. ED MEESE SUPPORTED THE NON-POLITICAL ROLE OF THE BUREAU AND ITS DIRECTOR.
 - -- HE HAS BEEN A GREAT FRIEND OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.
 - -- HE IS A WARM AND COMPASSIONATE FRIEND TO MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM. AND I AM GRATEFUL TO URSULA AND ED FOR THEIR FRIENDSHIP.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR THE PORTRAIT

- -- I'M GRATEFUL TO ALL THE FRIENDS WHO MADE THIS PORTRAIT
 POSSIBLE AND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FBI IN WANTING TO SEE
 IT PLACED IN THE EAST WING.
- -- I AM GLAD THAT DIRECTOR SESSIONS IS THE ONE TO PLACE IT THERE.
- THE IMPORTANCE OF STABILITY AND CONTINUITY AT THE FBI
 - -- WHEN I SEE THE COLONNADE OF PORTRAITS AT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WHICH DATE BACK TO THE FORMATION OF THE AGENCY IN 1946, AND REALIZE THAT THIS PORTRAIT WILL BE ONLY THE THIRD AT THE FBI SINCE 1924, IT TELLS ME SOMETHING ABOUT STABILITY AND CONTINUITY AT THE FBI THAT IS REALLY QUITE REMARKABLE.

PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF THE FBI

- -- I CONSIDERED MY NOMINATION AS DIRECTOR A GREAT HONOR.

 BECAUSE THE FBI HAS A UNIQUE PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF THE

 AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT IS A VITAL INSTITUTION THAT HAS SERVED

 THE PUBLIC WELL.
- -- I RECALL THAT WHEN I WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE IN FEBRUARY,
 1978, PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS REMARKS, OBSERVED THAT HE
 COULD THINK OF NO ORGANIZATION IN GOVERNMENT THAT HAD MORE
 TO DO WITH HOW THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY THOUGHT ABOUT
 THEIR GOVERNMENT THAN THE FBI.
- -- I ALWAYS KEPT IN MIND THAT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND PUBLIC TRUST WERE VITAL TO THE FBI'S MISSION.

APPROACH TO JOB AS DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

- ON THE FINE WORK OF DIRECTOR KELLEY IN MOVING THE BUREAU FORWARD TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

 TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARDS AND TRADITIONS OF THE FBI.

 AND TO HELP PROTECT OUR SOCIETY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONSTITUTION. I THINK WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ALL OF THESE GOALS.
- THE NINE YEARS I SERVED AS DIRECTOR WERE VERY EXCITING YEARS FOR ME AND A RAPIDLY CHANGING PERIOD IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

- MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING TENURE AS DIRECTOR
 - OPERATION INCREASED, WE TOOK CARE TO INTRODUCE CONTROLS
 AND PRECAUTIONS THAT WOULD PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE
 INVESTIGATION. AT THE END. CASES WERE TRIED BEFORE 10
 SEPARATE JURIES, WHICH RETURNED GUILTY VERDICTS AGAINST ALL
 20 DEFENDANTS. OUR INVESTIGATION SURVIVED THE INTENSIVE
 SCRUTINY OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY AS WELL AS OUR COURTS.
 APPEALS OF CONVICTIONS WERE REVIEWED AND REJECTED IN THREE
 CIRCUIT COURTS. AND 14 PETITIONS FOR CERTIORARI FOR THE
 SUPREME COURT WERE DENIED.
 - PENETRATED SYSTEMIC JUDICIAL CORRUPTION IN COOK COUNTY AND SECURED MANY RECORDED ADMISSIONS OF OFFICIAL BRIBE-TAKING AND EXTORTIONS. GREYLORD DEMONSTRATED THAT THE FBI WOULD INVESTIGATE JUDICIAL COOPERATION WHEN LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO INVESTIGATE.
 - -- ORGANIZED CRIME: AFTER AN INTENSIVE THREE-YEAR
 INVESTIGATION. WE INDICTED FIVE LA COSA NOSTRA FAMILIES IN
 NEW YORK CITY AS A SINGLE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE. AND WE
 CONVICTED ALL OF THEM. THIS SUCCESS WAS JUST ONE OF MANY
 EFFORTS AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME. IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT
 ORGANIZED CRIME AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT WILL NEVER BE THE SAME
 AGAIN.

- THE DRUG PROBLEM: SINCE BEING GIVEN CONCURRENT

 JURISDICTION WITH THE DEA IN 1982, THE FBI HAS BEEN AN

 ACTIVE PARTNER WITH DEA IN THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS.

 SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES SUCH AS ELECTRONIC AND

 AERIAL SURVEILLANCE AS WELL AS UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS HAVE

 RESULTED IN MANY NARCOTICS CONVICTIONS.
- -- FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: BY AGGRESSIVELY PUSHING FOR A REDUCTION IN THE HOSTILE PRESENCE, AND BY FOCUSING OUR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS ON KNOWN OR SUSPECTED HOSTILE INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, THE BUREAU'S COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM ACHIEVED MORE SPY ARRESTS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF MY TENURE AS DIRECTOR THAN IT HAD AT ANY TIME SINCE WORLD WAR II.
- -- HOSTAGE RESCUE TEAM: THE HOSTAGE RESCUE TEAM.

 ESTABLISHED IN 1982 TO RESPOND TO AND EFFECTIVELY CONCLUDE

 HOSTAGE SITUATIONS. HAS SERVED TO DETER THE MOUNTING OF

 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE UNITED STATES.
- -- INTERAGENCY COOPERATION: THE FBI COOPERATED WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AS WELL AS STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR SECURITY DURING THE 1984 SUMMER OLYMPICS. NO TERRORIST INCIDENTS OCCURRED.
- -- FOSTERING INTERAGENCY COOPERATION IN AREAS SUCH AS NARCOTICS, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, AND COUNTERTERRORISM CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME.

CONCLUSION

- -- AT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, I AM WORKING WITH ANOTHER TEAM DEDICATED TO SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY -- A TEAM OF TALENTED, HONORABLE MEN AND WOMEN.
- -- BUT I WILL NEVER FORGET THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE COURAGE.

 THE FRIENDSHIP. AND THE INTEGRITY OF THOSE WITH WHOM I

 WORKED DURING MY NINE YEARS AT THE FBI.
- -- AS FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE FBI'S MEN AND WOMEN ACCEPT AND UNDERSTAND THEIR OBLIGATION. WHILE PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR CITIZENS, THEY ARE DEMONSTRATING EACH DAY THEIR OWN RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW, WHICH IS THE ONLY ENDURING PATH TO PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.
- THE CONTEMPORARY WRITER SAUL BELLOW ONCE SAID "EVERYBODY NEEDS HIS MEMORIES. THEY KEEP THE WOLF OF INSIGNIFICANCE FROM THE DOOR." ALL WHO HAVE WORKED AT THE FBI CAN TRUTHFULLY SAY THAT THEY HAVE KEPT THE WOLF OF INSIGNIFICANCE AT BAY. WE HAVE BEEN PART OF A NOBLE INSTITUTION AND HAVE SERVED AN IMPORTANT CAUSE. I AM GRATEFUL AND HONORED TO HAVE SERVED IN THE FBI, AND AM HONORED TO BE PART OF ITS PROUD HISTORY.

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

May 27, 1988

The Honorable William S. Sessions Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 16th inviting me to attend the portrait dedication ceremony on July 20th at 2:00 p.m. I shall be there with bells on.

When I see the colonnade of portraits here at CIA, which date back to the formation of the Agency in 1946, and realize that this portrait will only be the third at the FBI since 1924, it tells me something about stability and continuity (not to mention Mr. Hoover's longevity) at the FBI that is really quite remarkable. I hope there will not be another portrait dedication ceremony for the full decade that is planned for you.

I'm grateful to all the friends who made this portrait possible and for the support of the FBI in wanting to see it placed in the east wing. And I'm glad that you are the one to place it there.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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William H. Webster



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Office of the Director

Washington, D.C. 20535

May 16, 1988

Honorable William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Webster:

It is a distinct honor for me to invite you to attend a portrait dedication ceremony to be held in your honor on July 20 at 2 p.m. in the east wing of the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building.

Your many friends, former FBI colleagues, associates in Washington and representatives of the Bar Association in St. Louis wish to express, yet again, their deepest appreciation for your leadership as FBI Director.

To place on permanent display the life-size portrait of the FBI's third Director is a small tribute to show our esteem and gratitude for the contributions you have made to our country.

Moreover, I personally look forward to this occasion as one of the very special moments in my first year as Director of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions

Director